

RUSSIANS REFUSE TO ACCEPT PEACE TERMS

Bolsheviki Refuse to Consider Teuton Attitude With Respect to Poland, Lithuania and Courland and Hun Desire to Retain Garrisons in Russian Baltic Ports.

CLAIM GERMANY SEEKS TERRITORY

German Terms Include Immediate Declaration of End of War, Termination of Economic Warfare, No Racial Discriminations, Reciprocal Favoritism, Commission to Govern Danube.

Reports from Russia indicate that the negotiations for peace between the Bolshevik government and the Teutonic allies have reached a virtual impasse, owing to the unreasonable demands of the Teutons. Particularly distasteful to the Russians is the attitude of the central powers with regard to holding Poland, Lithuania and Courland, and their determination to retain garrisons at Riga, Libau and other Baltic ports.

Petrograd, Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Russian peace delegation returned to Petrograd today and reported to a joint session of the central executive committee of soldiers and workmen's delegates and the Petrograd council of soldiers and workmen's deputies the progress of the negotiations with the Austro-Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

Says Huns Desire Annexation.

M. Kameneff, a member of the Russian delegations read the German terms which he characterized as showing the positive annexation plans of the central powers and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

"If after the resumption of negotiations," the delegate said, "the Germans insist upon these terms Russia will conclude peace not with the German imperialists but with the representatives of the people, the socialists of Germany."

The German terms as submitted to the Brest-Litovsk conference were reported in substance as follows:

To Declare War at End.

Article I.—Russia and Germany are to declare the state of war at an end. Both nations are resolved to live together in the future in peace and friendship on condition of complete reciprocity. Germany will be ready as soon as peace is concluded with Russia and the demobilization of the Russian army has been accomplished to evacuate her present positions in occupied Russian territory in so far as no different inferences result from article 2.

Article II.—The Russian government having, in accordance with its principles proclaimed for all peoples without exception living within the Russian empire, the right of self-determination, including complete separation, place cognizance in the decision expressing the will of the people demanding a full state of independence and separation from the Russian empire for Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Esthonia and Livonia.

Economic War to Cease.

Article III.—Agreements in force before the war are to become effective if not directly in conflict with changes resulting from war. Each party obligates itself, within three months after the signing of the peace treaty, to inform the other which of the treaties and agreements will not again become effective.

Article IV.—Each of the contracting parties will not discriminate against the subjects, merchants or goods of the other party.

Article V.—The parties agree that with the conclusion of peace economic war shall cease. During the time necessary for the restoration of relations there may be limitations upon imports, but the regulations as to imports are not to be of a new burden some extent, and high taxes or duty upon imports shall not be levied. For the interchange of goods an organization shall be effected by mixed commissions to be formed as soon as possible.

Article VI.—Instead of the commercial treaty of navigation of 1894 to 1904, which is abrogated, a new treaty will accord new conditions.

Mutual Recognition as Favored Nation

Article VII.—The parties will grant one another, during at least 20 years, the right of the most favored nation in questions of commerce and navigation (this clause is apparently that carried in a German wireless message received in London and sent by cable on December 31).

Article VIII.—Russia agrees that the administration of the mouth of the Danube be entrusted to a European Danube commission with a membership from the countries bordering upon the Danube and the Black Sea. Above Braila the administration is to be in the hands of the countries bordering the river.

Article IX.—Military laws limiting the private rights of Germans in Russia and of Russians in Germany are abolished.

Article X.—The contracting parties are not to demand payment of war expenditures, nor for damages suffered

during the war, this provision including requisitions.

Indemnity for Breaking Laws.

Article XI.—Each party is to pay for damage done within its own limits during the war by acts against international law with regard to the subjects of other parties, in particular their diplomatic and consular representatives as affecting their life, health or property. The amount is to be set by mixed commissions with neutral chairmen.

Article XII.—Prisoners of war who are invalids are to be immediately repatriated. The exchange of other prisoners is to be made as soon as possible, the time to be fixed by a German-Russian commission.

Article XIII.—Civilian subjects, interned or exiled, are to be immediately released and to be sent home without cost to them.

Article XIV.—Russian subjects of German descent, particularly German colonists, may within ten years emigrate to Germany, with the right to liquidate or transfer their property.

Article XV.—Merchantmen of any of the contracting parties which were in ports of any other party at the beginning of the war, and also vessels taken as prizes which have not been adjudged, are to be returned, or if that be impossible, to be paid for.

Article XVI.—Diplomatic and consular relations are to be resumed as soon as possible.

Chances of Effective Separate Peace Remote

(By the Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Russia, Jan. 2.—The chances of a separate peace between Russia and the central powers being effective seem remote, because of what are regarded as Germany's unreasonable demands. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, and his associates take the stand that the Baltic provinces are in reality under military pressure while they continue to be occupied by Germany and that their hopes with respect to peace must be ignored, as now these provinces are virtually German dependencies, the loyal Russians having fled.

The Russian delegation upon its return from Brest-Litovsk today placed before the council of commissioners at Petrograd Germany's demands, which caused amazement and the declaration that the council was not favorable to acceptance. An elaboration of the German position in letters and statements which followed the general statement of terms, showed that the Germans hold that Poland, Lithuania, Courland, Livonia and Esthonia have already defined themselves nationally within the meaning of the peace terms proposed, and insist that they shall not vote again.

The Germans also explain, through General Hoffman, that Germany cannot evacuate Riga, Libau and other occupied points until certain that all Russia sanctions peace; otherwise Germany's enemies might assist Ukraine or other disaffected sections in opposition to the central powers.

NEW YORK DEATH RATE LOW.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mortality among the inhabitants of this city during the year just ended was at the lowest rate in the last 20 years, according to the annual report of the department of health issued today. The percentage of 3.78, represents 78,575 deaths among a population of 5,737,492, with 75,000 men of military age away from the city during the second half of the year. The rate in 1916 was 13.89; 1915, 12.93, and that of 1910 was 16.

TROY HAS WOMAN COUNCILMAN.

Troy, Jan. 2.—The first woman member of a common council body in the state took her seat at the organization meeting today of the board of aldermen. The representative is Mrs. Patrick J. Kennedy of the fifth ward of this city and she takes the place to which her late husband was elected in November last. The mayor filled the vacancy.

2,500 DIED IN EARTHQUAKE.

San Salvador, Salvador, Jan. 2.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

Guatemala Laid Waste



STREET SCENE, GUATEMALA.

Street scene in Guatemala City, which was destroyed by a terrific new earthquake that completed the destruction caused by others which began on Christmas Day. The supply of food is very low in the city, causing great suffering to the survivors. Hospitals, asylums and prisons, as well as homes and stores, were swallowed in the great fissures that appeared in the streets, burying the occupants in the ruins.

SUFFRAGISTS LAY 1918 PLANS

To Work for Federal Amendment; Instruct Women Voters, and Get Them to Polls.

New York, Jan. 2.—Passage of the federal woman suffrage amendment and its ratification by the state legislature; instruction of women in points necessary to make good voters, and to get out women voters for registration and on election day, will be the three chief objects next year of the New York City Woman Suffrage party agreed upon at its annual convention here today.

Miss Mary Garrett Hay, the chairman, in an address, gave specific warning that "women must be taught to recognize bribes insidiously offered."

Three central committees were formed: The political, or congressional and legislative; the educational, or council of women voters; and the municipal, or civic survey.

A committee also was formed, with Mrs. F. Robertson Jones as chairman, to keep tabs on the board of estimate and the various departments, and, to aim to keep the 514,555 members of the city suffrage party well informed on what the men do.

NEW YORK SHIVERS AS COAL STARTS TO COME

Near Zero Weather Continues; Transportation Facilities Improving, However

New York, Jan. 2.—New York city today continued to suffer from a combination of near zero weather and inadequate coal supply.

Spurred to even greater effort, however, by weather bureau warnings that a storm was bearing down upon the city, fuel administrators and those in charge of transportation facilities were able to give assurance that the situation is rapidly clearing. Utilization of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnels for hurrying coal under the Hudson river from terminals in New Jersey, it is believed, will prove an important factor in solving the problem. Inability to transport this fuel across New York bay because of labor and weather conditions, had balked the relief measures of the city, state and federal authorities.

Lack of heat caused the closing of more than 50 schools in the greater city today. It is believed that most of them will be able to resume their class schedules tomorrow.

East Side residents, who have been dependent for fuel on yards where coal is sold in bucketful quantities, today attacked drivers at these places, after being told that there was no coal for sale. At one yard the rioters broke through the gates and carried away five tons of coal before the police could interfere.

Ten degrees above zero was the highest temperature reached today; one degree below was the lowest it reached.

SINKINGS AGAIN ON MATERIAL INCREASE

Eighteen Large Ships and Three Small Sunk Last Week, An Increase of Nine

London, England, Jan. 2.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over have been sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to admiralty statements tonight. Three merchantmen under 1,600 tons were also sunk. This is a material increase over the previous week, when the sinkings numbered 12, of which 11 were more than 1,600 tons.

The summary: Arrivals, 2,111; sailings, 2,007.

British merchantmen 1,600 tons or over sunk, 18, including two previously; under 1,600 tons, 3; fishing vessels, none. Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, 8.

WHITMAN URGES FEWER LAWS BE PASSED IN 1918

Otherwise, He Says in Message, Unwise Acts May Be Committed

WAR COLORS OPENING

Legislature Adopts Resolution to Increase Production on Farms of State

SWEET COUNSELS DELIBERATION

"Legislative Wednesday" Planned—Investigations Started—Routine Work

Albany, Jan. 2.—There was a decided war tinge to the opening proceedings of the 1918 session of the New York legislature.

Governor Whitman in his annual message recommended that there be but few laws passed this year "lest in the name of patriotism some unnecessary and unwise legislation be enacted." The governor also reviewed the part New York has played thus far in the world war.

The legislature adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing subcommittees of the war committee to investigate the conditions of agricultural production in the state with a view to increasing food supplies.

Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet of the assembly, in accepting the speaker'ship for the fifth time, warned his colleagues to go slowly and consider legislation well because of its possible war time effect. He also recommended that the military training laws be amended to exempt pupils attending small rural schools from the physical training, as he held such students obtained sufficient exercise in walking several miles to schools and in attending their usual household chores.

The assembly rules were amended so as to make permanent last year's temporary war committee.

Wednesday "Legislation Day."

On the plea that in this time of congested transportation facilities, travel should be reduced as much as possible, Senator John B. Sheridan of New York sought an amendment to the senate rules. His suggestion, embodied in a resolution which was referred to the rules committee, was that Wednesday be set aside as legislative hearing days and that the regular legislative session on Wednesday be held in the evening. The idea was favorably received by Majority Leader Elton R. Brown.

All of the leaders advocate the utmost war time economy consistent with good government.

The notoriety attending the recent municipal elections in New York as a result of the \$2,000,000 fund for the election of former Mayor Mitchell was reflected in two resolutions introduced in the senate to authorize investigation of the campaign contributions and expenditures, and several bills to make the corrupt practices law more stringent. The municipal ownership bills of Mayor Hylan of New York were introduced by Democratic leader Robert S. Wagner. Minority leader Charles E. Donohue of the assembly attempted to introduce them in the lower house but was prevented by Majority Leader Simon L. Adler. He refused unanimous consent on the ground that assembly committees had not yet been appointed and would not be until the legislature reconvened next Wednesday.

Prohibition and Suffrage.

The federal prohibition amendment was submitted to the legislature by Governor Whitman in a special message without recommendation. It had been received too late from the fed-

eral authorities for inclusion in the regular communication he said.

A bill to authorize a special enrollment day which would permit the recently enfranchised women to become identified with political parties in order to participate in next fall's primaries was introduced by Senator J. Samuel Fowler, a new member.

Two bills designed to reorganize the public service commission along the lines of measures which failed of passage last year were introduced by Senator George F. Thompson, chairman of the public service committee.

The assembly did little beside formally electing the Republican officers chosen at last night's caucus. In the senate the officers and committee assignments continue effective. The Republicans have safe working majorities in both houses. Socialists appeared thronged for the first time in the state history. They chose Abraham I. Shiplocoff of Kings as their leader. He served as leader of his party last year when only one beside himself composed its legislative representation. The Democrats chose Charles E. Donohue of New York as their leader. Fred W. Hammond of Syracuse was re-elected Assembly clerk.

The full text of Governor Whitman's speech will be found commencing on page 2.

ORDNANCE BUREAU PUT ON A BUSINESS BASIS

Approved By Secretary Baker, New Organization Is Modelled After British Plan

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—General reorganization of the ordnance bureau with experienced business men at the head of important divisions under the chief of ordnance was announced tonight by the war department.

The new plans under which it is proposed to make the bureau a great working unit modelled somewhat after the British Ministry of munitions were outlined to the senate military committee recently by Major General Crozier, chief of the ordnance, while he was being sharply questioned concerning delays and deficiencies in supply of rifles and cannon. It now has been approved by Secretary Baker and put into effect.

General Crozier, whose renomination is pending in the senate, continues as chief and no change is made in the assignment of Brigadier General Wheeler as acting chief while General Crozier works on the war council.

Col. Samuel McRoberts, formerly executive manager of the National City bank of New York, is named chief of the procurement division, one of the branches in which the business functions of the bureau are divided, and the name of a civilian to head the production division will be announced in a few days.

The re-organization was announced in this statement: "Heretofore the business of the ordnance department has been conducted by five separate and more or less independent organizations under the direction of the chief of ordnance. These divisions will now be consolidated. The chief of ordnance will be assisted by an extensive administrative and advisory staff. The principal business function of the department, as distinct from the technical, designing and other scientific work with which it is charged, will be carried on by four operating civilians."

MARIE CORELLI HOARDS SUGAR.

London, England, Jan. 2.—Marie Corelli, novelist, and Lady Mabel Gore Langton, sister of Earl Temple, were among today's victims of the food controller's regulations against hoarding food, the former being fined £50 and £20 cost, while Lady Langton was fined £80.

Miss Corelli was charged with having purchased excessive quantities of sugar. In her defense she said the sugar was to be used in making jam. Lady Langton was charged with having secured excessive quantities of tea, coffee, sugar and other commodities.

U. S. AND ALLIES WILL WAGE WAR WITH UNITY

Will Work For Harmonious Action in All Matters That Will Assure Success in Defeating Common Enemy—Agreement Reached At Recent Interallied Conference.

TO RUSH AMERICAN TROOPS OVER

Allies to Supply Transports For Our Soldiers—Need For Army Great Now in Order to Check Expected German Drive on Western Front—Snow Aids Italians.

Entire unity henceforth is to be the watchword of the United States and her allies in the prosecution of the war. American troops are to be rushed to the fighting front in large numbers as quickly as possible and there is to be a perfect co-ordination in naval, military, financial, food, war industries, and diplomatic matters.

The agreement between the allies for unified action was reached at the recent interallied conference in Paris, which was attended by an American mission headed by Col. E. M. House and arrangements already have been made for the United States to carry out its part of the campaign.

In order that American troops may be dispatched in a constant stream to Europe, the allied nations are to so arrange their merchant shipping that the necessary transports will be available for the huge task.

Expect Big German Drive.

That quick work in getting the American army to the front is most vital is indicated by a statement of Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office. General Maurice said it is probable that with their heavy reinforcements, drawn from the eastern to the western front, the Germans shortly will make a strong offensive against the British and French army and that the enemy may be expected to make some gains.

Optimism was expressed however, that the enemy would not be able to inflict the same degree of damage upon the allies as he has sustained at the hands of the British during the past year.

Apparently as proof that the Germans are preparing for a big offensive is the almost continuous bombardment of various sectors along the British and French fronts. Aside from these bombardments there has been little activity except by small raiding parties. A heavy snow is falling and another cold wave has set in on the French front from St. Quentin to the Vosges mountains.

Snow Helps Italians Reinforce.

Snow and cold weather also are giving the Italians a chance to strengthen their northern lines further against the Austro-Germans. Aside from reciprocal artillery duels little fighting of moment is in progress. In an endeavor to offset their loss ground resulting from having been driven back across the lower Piave river the enemy has tried to effect a landing on the west bank of the stream a short distance from the mouth of the Piave. His forces however were cut under the fire of the Italian guns and the project had to be given up.

Austro-German airmen continue to bomb towns of the Venetian plains. Treviso and Bassano have again been attacked and bombs also were dropped on Mestre. Little damage was done by the bombs. Three of the enemy aircraft were shot down in aerial battles or by anti-aircraft guns.

INDIANS STOP TRAIN; MASSACRE OVER 20

Southern Pacific Train Attacked By Yaqui Tribesmen; Soldier Guard Outnumbered

Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 2.—A train on the Southern Pacific railroad was attacked this morning 32 miles south of Empalme, Sonora, and from 20 to 30 passengers were killed, according to advices received today. The conductor and an express messenger were among the killed. Some of the passengers were from Tucson, but their names have not been learned.

The attack was by Yaqui Indians. The train was the continuation of the one which left Nogales yesterday morning and was made up at Empalme for the trip south.

Advices said the attack occurred at a point known as Pitahaya. A military escort of about 75 federal soldiers on board was greatly outnumbered.

Indians tore up the tracks, derailed the train. They then attacked the rear car in which the passengers, mostly Mexicans, were massacred.

JERSEY CITY WATER LOW.

New York, Jan. 2.—A threatened water famine in Jersey City has been averted by the prompt action taken by William G. McAdoe, director general of railroads, to obtain a supply from that New Jersey municipality from an outside water company.

Lansing Reviewing War Mission, Tells of Plan

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—An engagement by the United States to send a great army against the Germans in time to offset the defection of Russia was disclosed today through the publication by Secretary Lansing of a review of the work and recommendations of the American mission which recently participated in the interallied conferences at Paris.

American fighting men are to cross the Atlantic as rapidly as they can be mustered and trained. France and Great Britain on their part undertake not only to join in providing ships to carry them, but to see that any deficiency in arms and equipment are made up on the other side.

This was one of the great decisions reached at the conferences through which the cobelligerents planned to pool their fighting resources and move as a unit toward driving the Germans and their allies out of conquered territory and crushing the Teutonic world domination scheme. There is to be co-ordinate effort not only in fighting on land and sea but in production at home and in the vast ship building projects upon which depend the vital problem of maintaining uninterrupted transportation despite the submarine menace.

Even before Col. House and his mission reached home the machinery to speed up war preparations here had been set in motion. In today's announcement is seen the explanation of the reorganization of war department control embraced in the formation of the new war council of general officers, of renewed efforts to speed up the shipping board's merchant ship building program, and possibly of the decision of the administration to take over all the nation's railroads without waiting for action by congress. Other indications of the new pressure applied since the House mission returned are manifest about the navy and war departments, but most of the things being done cannot be discussed publicly for military reasons. It can be stated authoritatively that definite steps to "make good" the pledges made to the allies by Col. House have already been taken.

NAVAL OFFICERS NOW CONTROL PORTSMOUTH

City Across River From Norfolk, Va., Protected Against "Enemy Fire Plots"

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—While department of justice agents and navy patrols continued today to round up the suspicious persons on this side of the Elizabeth river as a result of yesterday's mysterious fire in Norfolk's business district, the city of Portsmouth across the river practically was placed under control of the naval authorities as a precautionary measure.

At the request of City Manager Bates, who said he wanted to prevent any possible activity of enemy agents, Rear Admiral McLean, commanding this naval district, detailed naval patrols for the business district of Portsmouth and for factory and railroads and waterfront property. Mr. Bates was prompted in his request by a fire of undetermined origin which early today destroyed several buildings.

Norfolk authorities today seemed less inclined to attribute yesterday's fires to an enemy plot to destroy the city in an attempt to cripple war activities here, but several agents and the naval patrols did not relax their vigilance. A score of persons unable to give satisfactory accounts of themselves were arrested. Many were released but others were held for further examination.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Executive Chamber, Albany,
January 2, 1918.

To the Legislature:

When the Congress of the United States declared war on the Imperial German government, New York responded with vigor and enthusiasm to the call for volunteers, and in every walk in life her citizens have done, and are still doing, all they can to assure the success of our cause.

The state administration has stood solidly behind the President and federal authorities.

There entered the military and naval service of the United States between April 1 and December 1 over 164,014 citizens of the state of New York apportioned as follows:

New York National Guard (feder-
alized), over 41,000
Naval Militia 5,432
National Army 62,341
Volunteers joining the army 30,518
Volunteers joining the navy 15,419
Volunteers joining the marine
corps 2,113

Total 164,014

In this connection, I desire to call your attention to the successful operation of the selectivity draft law, which has been charged with its administration in the state. The 7,047 men comprising and connected with the boards of exemption have, in all but two or three unfortunate instances, cheerfully and faithfully performed their duties at great personal sacrifice.

The amount of the first Liberty Loan apportioned to the state of New York was \$807,222,000, and the amount subscribed for in the state was \$1,044,724,900. The amount of the second Liberty Loan apportioned to the state of New York was \$1,246,898,000, and the amount subscribed for was \$1,413,107,300.

Cooperating With Hoover.
The State Food Commission provided for by chapter 513 of the laws of 1917, immediately upon its appointment conferred with Mr. Hoover and the federal authorities and has worked out a plan of co-operation.

At the conference it was decided that inasmuch as under the act of Congress the federal authorities had certain broad powers, such as the power to determine the control of transportation and distribution, the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, shippers and commission merchants, the enforcement of the law against hoarding, which are larger matters of an interstate character, these powers could best be exercised under the federal act.

The following quotation from the agreement entered into between the State Food Commission and Mr. Hoover shows the features of the work that could best be enforced under the state law:

"In relation to the activities of the State Food Commission, it is recognized that at certain points the federal and state authorities and objectives overlap. In the main, the state commission possesses much wider authority over retail distribution and possesses large powers in control of public eating places, establishment of public markets, purchase and sale of food by municipalities, collection of information, control of transportation and stimulation of production, which are not possessed by the federal administration."

One Federal Board.

In order to establish the greatest possible co-operation it was agreed that the three members of the State Food Commission and the two federal administrators for the state of New York should be consolidated into one federal board, with the president of the State Food Commission as chairman. Thus there has been created a combination of power and authority which will enable the national and state administrators unitedly to enforce and make effective the control and distribution of the food supply within the state, taking advantage of the strongest provisions of both acts.

On the 20th day of October the city of New York duly made application for the power to buy, store and sell food and fuel, and on November 1, after a hearing, the state commission granted the city of New York the power requested upon the following conditions: First, that the grant should be revocable by the commission, and second, that the city of New York should make monthly reports to the commission of its operations.

After this prompt action on the part of the state authorities, it is to be regretted that those having the matter in charge in the city have not been able to agree on the offer to do the purchasing, and hence the people have been denied the needed relief.

No other city has requested permission to buy, store and sell food or fuel under the provisions of the act.

By the provisions of Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1917 the excise commis-

Laugh When People Step On Your Feet

Try this yourself then pass it along to others. It works!

Ouch! ? ! ? ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called Frezzone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says Frezzone is an ether compound which dries immediately, never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quart of an ounce of Frezzone will cost very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.

sioner, with the approval of the governor, is given power to prohibit or limit the sale of alcoholic beverages in proximity of camps and barracks of the state or federal troops or munition factories and places where war supplies are produced.

Five orders have been made under the provisions of this chapter.

The New York state census and inventory of military resources, taken last June with the aid of 150,000 volunteer assistants, has furnished the state with a classified index of its residents between the ages of sixteen and fifty-one, showing what they can do and what they own that may be of use in war time. The federal government has been quick to take advantage of the census, securing lists of alien enemies, the names of cooks, firemen, mechanics, shipbuilders, and other workers needed by the government, and the names of men who desired to enlist.

Letters from officials of the federal government state that the census has given them the most valuable assistance in their recruiting work, in speeding up ship construction and in seeking out alien enemies.

The census has also been of great assistance to the Military Training Commission in carrying out the provisions of the act requiring compulsory military training for all boys above the age of sixteen and not over the age of nineteen.

During the past summer the state faced a serious situation by reason of the absence of the National Guard. Not only was it confronted with the same local problem as every other state, namely, that of safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens, but also with the added responsibility of guarding its railways and waterways over which large quantities of supplies were being transported to the port of New York for shipment abroad to our soldiers and our allies.

Section 3 of Article XI of the Constitution of the state provides: "... that there shall be maintained at all times a force of not less than 10,000 enlisted men, fully uniformed, armed, equipped, disciplined and ready for active service."

To meet the constitutional provision, it was necessary to recruit a force to take the place of the National Guard as it was mustered into the federal service.

Organizing New York Guard.

The work of organizing the New York Guard was begun in July and was so well advanced on August 2, when the War Department notified the adjutant general that all the federalized National Guard in the state of New York doing guard duty would be withdrawn on August 10, that the state notified the War Department it was ready to take over this work. Troops of the New York Guard, fully armed and equipped, replaced the federalized National Guard on all state buildings and took over the guarding of 600 miles of canal. The state also, at the request of the mayor of the city of New York, assumed the guarding of the Croton and Catskill aqueducts, the property of the city of New York.

During September the New York Guard was recruited to full strength—that is 10,000 men—and is now recruited up to over 14,000. It has been armed with rifles purchased by the state and is being uniformed at the present time.

All of the brigade and regimental commanding officers of the New York Guard have been trained in the New York National Guard, and with but one exception have served with the units to which they are now assigned. No officers are commissioned except upon recommendation of the commanding officer approved by their brigade commander. Thus there will be preserved under officers of their own training and in their own armories the traditions of our National Guard regiments which entered the federal service and thereby lost regimental numbering.

On September 1, 1917, home defense units were given opportunity to apply for muster in the New York Guard, and over 6,000 well trained men of an unusually fine type have thus joined. It was of great advantage to the new guard to obtain the services of so many well trained recruits.

The home defense force, which is now made up of more than 11,000 men, will be used as an emergency aid in home communities during the continuance of the present war, as provided by chapter 235 of the laws of 1917.

The organization of this new guard has given an opportunity to readjust old regimental lines to conform to railway transportation facilities and has made possible the placing of units of the New York Guard in many counties which had not maintained any, thus distributing the armed forces more evenly over the state.

No Waste of War Funds.

The greatest care has been taken to see that every cent of the state's funds, expended by reason of the war emergency, was properly expended and that there should be no waste. To this end there has been organized in the adjutant general's office a division of Chambers of Commerce, so that there and throughout the state the trained business advice of those non-partisan bodies will be immediately available on every problem affecting our war expenditures.

As showing what organized labor in this state is doing to aid the country in the war, I call your attention to the fact that while there were reported to the Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration in the State Industrial Commission between April 1, 1916, and November 30, 1916, 383 strikes, which involved 216,043 persons, during the same period in 1917 there were reported to the bureau but 233 strikes, involving less than 65,000 persons.

The farmers of New York state, by their noble response to the country's call, have increased the cultivated acreage over 30 per cent, and consequently the food supply has been augmented.

I hope your honorable body will do everything in its power to encourage that class of citizens which is so valiantly supporting our cause on the farms of the state.

Finance.
I am sending herewith as part of this

message my compilation of appropriations desired by the departments and institutions of the state, together with my recommendations, in the form of a tentative appropriation act for appropriations at this session.

At a later date in a separate communication I will further discuss these requests and recommended appropriations as part of my budget estimate to your honorable body.

Township School Law.

I call your attention to the widespread discontent among the rural communities due to the passage of the so-called township school law.

This law was introduced and passed at the instance of the regents of the University of the State of New York in the belief that it would better rural school conditions. I was also informed that the measure had the approval of the officers of the State Grange, who took the same view.

While it was designed to promote the consolidation of weak and inefficient schools with the stronger and better equipped, its framers apparently overlooked the existing conditions in some of the rural districts, and therefore undertook practically to force the abolition of many of the existing school districts and their union with stronger schools when such consolidation was impractical.

The result seems to be a very large increase of taxes among the rural districts without a corresponding increase in equipment, in teaching or in efficiency.

It has thrown upon some of the rural districts the burden of supporting, in large measure, union free schools located in the larger villages of the state, and investigation has shown that the consolidation of some of the rural districts, some of which are five, six or seven miles from the central high school, cannot be accomplished advantageously at the present time.

Another feature of the bill which is objectionable is the fact that the town board of education is given power to raise by taxation the necessary expenses of running the schools, thus depriving the people of the right to vote on the amount of money to be expended for school purposes within the school district.

As a general principle the continuance of local self-government for the purpose of raising funds for local public expenditures should still be regarded as one of the fundamental safeguards of our state.

Taking into consideration these and other objections to the law and bearing in mind the practical demonstration afforded by the experience of the past year and the failure of the law properly to accomplish the purpose for which it was enacted, it is my belief that the best interests of the state require its amendment.

Agriculture.

The Council of Farms and Markets provided for by Chapter 502 of the Laws of 1917 has been appointed and is proceeding to consolidate and reorganize the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Foods and Markets.

I am confident that the men appointed to this council are in thorough sympathy with the needs of the farmer; some of them depend upon farms for their livelihood, while others have been successful in conserving and distributing farm products.

The council has wisely placed at the head of the various bureaus in the agricultural division, men who have the confidence of those who till the soil, raise the live stock and grow the fruit—farmers of wide practical experience.

I recommend a careful study of the question of the shortage of farm labor. I have viewed with alarm the decline of the live stock industry in this state. It is important that something be done to encourage and promote it. It has been authoritatively stated that during the past year there has been an increase of 44 per cent in the slaughter of dairy cattle, while there has been an increase of 28 per cent in the number of calves slaughtered during the same period in the year 1916. The loss of this state provides for the slaughter of dairy cattle suffering from bovine tuberculosis and of horses suffering from glanders. The owners are paid damages by the state.

When the present state administration took office in 1915 the legislature had failed for some years to make appropriations for the payment of these damage claims. Large appropriations were necessary to pay claims in arrears and to provide for the payment of current notified claims. This gave some relief to the owners, but it did not go far enough.

I have included in my tentative budget proposals an item of \$225,000 to provide for the payment of such claims now due, and I have included an item of \$200,000 for the payment of claims which will accrue during the year ending June 30, 1919. Thus payments will not depend upon the action of a future legislature, but will be made immediately to the owners.

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ers of the state, but as yet no adequate solution of this problem has been found. I am convinced that now is the time for the adoption of a policy that will enable the state not only to develop these natural resources, but also to derive a substantial revenue therefrom.

It was the practice in the past to grant to individuals by private bills the right to use the water powers of the state without consideration. Thus properties of inestimable value, formerly the property of all the people of the state, by reason of such grants yielded no income to the state, and frequently it has been necessary for the state to reclaim at an enormous expense the property granted by these private bills.

Under the present laws the state is prohibited from disposing of any surplus waters created by the canal improvement. The surplus power created incidentally by the construction of the canal is now being wasted.

Realizing the importance of this question, I requested the state engineer, the attorney general, the superintendent of public works and the conservation commissioner to study the question and to report to me their conclusions and recommendations.

Water Power and Electricity.

In reading the report of the committee appointed by me, whose recommendations I heartily endorse, I hope you will bear in mind the distinction between the state's selling water power and the generation of electricity which will result from the power furnished by the state. The committee is opposed to the state's entering into the hydro-electric business, but believes that the state should reserve to itself the right to dispose of the latent power of the impounded water.

The recommendations of the committee are as follows:

"Your committee has decided upon submitting to you four suggestions, the first two of which, while concrete in themselves, necessarily have a direct bearing upon the third and in the opinion of your committee should be effected in order to permit of a proper and certain accomplishment of the third suggestion.

"1. To amend the constitution so as to take from the legislature the power to grant away, by private bills, the water powers of the state.

"2. To repeal Article 7-a of the conservation law, which provides for river regulation by storage reservoirs.

"3. The immediate passage of appropriate legislation to enable the state to develop the undeveloped water powers of the state through a commission to be appointed by the governor and to market the power thus developed under the direction of such commission.

"4. The immediate passage of appropriate legislation authorizing the superintendent of public works, with the approval of the canal board, to dispose for proper returns by lease, of surplus water power created as a result of the construction of the barge canals."

The Improved Canal System.

The completion of the canal enlargement project, authorized by Chapter 147 of the Laws of 1908, is at hand. The new Oswego-Troy route was opened to navigation last summer, as was also the enlarged channel extending northerly to Lake Champlain. The

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Markets.

New York, Jan. 2.—A spirit of cheerfulness pervaded the financial district on the first business day of the new year, many stocks recording gains of 2 to 7 points. The further improvement was accepted as a crystallization of the greater confidence resulting from the government's action respecting railroad control, although that group was strikingly backward in today's movement.

Prices attained to highest levels in the active final hour, the rise coming on the heels of the announcement that the department of justice had recommended postponement of further action in certain of the anti-trust cases.

Official advice of a further breach in negotiations between the Russian delegates and the central powers were overshadowed by the report of the American war mission which indicated the determined attitude of the administration.

Industrials, more especially specific war issues and equipments, featured the comprehensive trading. The rise halted at intervals, but gathered fresh strength on renewed absorption.

The same manner with which specialties moved forward bespoke further punishment of the bears resumption on a large scale of pool activities and no little revival of public interest.

United States steel asserted its leadership from the start, making a gross gain of 5½ points to 98½, retaining all but a slight fraction. Other steels, shippings and motors were the strong features of the close. Sales aggregated 1,135,000 shares.

International bonds were steady and domestic issues strong. Liberty 4½ sold at 97.20 to 98.30 and the 3½s at 98.78 to 98.44. United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

New York Produce.

Butter — Firm; receipts, 7,673 tubs; creamery, higher than extras. 52 @ 52½; creamery extras, 92 @ 51½; first, 46 @ 50½; seconds, 42½ @ 45½.

Eggs — Firm; receipts, 3,169 cases; fresh gathered extras, 65; extra firsts, 62 @ 64; firsts, 61 @ 62; seconds, 57 @ 60; refrigerator, special marks, 42½ @ 43; do firsts, 41½ @ 42½; state, Pennsylvania and nearby western henry whites, fine to fancy, 73 @ 75; do browns, 65.

Cheese — Steady; receipts, 3,036; state fresh specials, 23½ @ 24; do average run, 23.

Dressed Poultry — Firm; chickens, 22 @ 38; fowls, 19 @ 28; turkeys, 20 @ 34.

New York Meats.
Beef — Receipts, 2,630 head;



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market, steady; steers, \$9.25 @ 12.00; bulls, \$7 @ 10.55; cows, \$5 @ 9.

Calves — Receipts, 1,490 head; market, steady; veals, \$12.50 @ 17.50; culls, \$10 @ 12; barnyard calves, \$7.50 @ 9.50; yearlings, \$6 @ 7.

Sheep and Lambs — Receipts, 2,550 head; market, steady; sheep, \$7.50 @ 11.50; culls, \$6 @ 7; lambs, \$16 @ 18.25; culls, \$12 @ 14.

Hogs — Receipts, 6,000 head; market, steady; light and medium, \$17.25; roughs, \$16.

ONEONTA MARKET.

Grain and Feed.

(Prices Charged at Retail.)

Salt, barrel \$2.10
Corn \$2.29
Corn meal, cwt \$4.13
Oats 98 @ \$1.00
Spring wheat middlings \$2.43
Flour middlings \$2.73
Hominy \$3.38

Prices Paid Producers.

Butter, fresh dairy 50
Butter, creamery 50 @ 51
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen 50
Live chicken 20
Veal, sweet milk calves 17 @ 18
Dressed pork 20 @ 22
Dressed beef 12 @ 15
Veal, grain fed 15 @ 14
Potatoes \$1.00

Hides.

(Quoted by Miller Hide Co.)

Cow hides 14
Bull hides over 60 pounds 12
Horse hides \$5.00 to \$5.50
Dairy skins \$1.50 to \$2.00
Veal skins \$2.00 to \$4.00
Grassars, per pound15

MAT. - 2:30 - 10c
EVE. 7:15-9 - 15c

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OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

MT. VISION HAPPENINGS.

Grace Officers to be Publicly Installed Friday Evening.

Mr. Vision, Jan. 2.—There will be a public installation of officers of the Grace Friday evening at 8 o'clock followed by the regular meeting and work in the first and second degrees.

Epworth League Elects.

At the Christmas dinner Saturday there was a short business meeting of the Epworth league and the following officers were elected: President, Arthur Hoose; first vice president, Austin Harnsey; second vice president, Mrs. E. D. Cooke; third vice president, Floyd Tilley; fourth vice president, Mrs. Arthur Hoose; secretary, William Shaw; treasurer, Rubena Ackley; organist, Afa Ackley.

Sleigh Ride on Tuesday.

Tuesday evening 37 of the young people enjoyed a sleigh ride after which they returned to Grange hall, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Marlette acted as chaperones for the party. Thanks are due Myron and Albert Stanton for use of their teams.

Officers Elected.

The Methodist Sunday school has elected the following officers: Superintendent, Albert Straight; assistant superintendent, Arthur Hoose; secretary and treasurer, Lyman Harrison; organist, Afa Ackley; president of Missionary society, Helene Barney; president of Temperance society, Mrs. A. Mather; treasurer of Missionary society, Ruth Harrison.

Entertained on Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Field entertained New Year's day Merritt Clarke and family, A. Johnson and family of Laurens, their guest, Miss Grace Perille of Quebec, Hosea Jones and family and Fred Field and family of Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Shove entertained on Christmas day her mother, Mrs. Fannie Bunn, and sisters, Mrs. Ernest Nichols, Mrs. Andrew Gregory and brothers, Clarence, Harry and Walter Bunn with their families and niece Miss Dorothy Spoor. There were 23 present. Sixteen of the family were not present. During the year death has removed two of their number.

Minor Matters.

Mrs. Harford Pattengill of Tarrytown, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Shove and daughter, Ruth, of Oneonta, visited Mrs. E. D. Pattengill several days last week.—Mrs. Matilda Adams of Laurens is spending some time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Sherman.—Miss Lena Wright went Saturday to her brother, Silas Wright, in West Winfield, en route for her school work at New Rochelle.

MORRIS VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and Deaths as Recorded in Year Just Ended.

Morris, Jan. 2.—The vital statistics for the town of Morris as recorded in the town clerk's office are as follows: Marriage licenses, 8; births, 17; deaths, 22. All but two were 57 years or over. There were six above 80 years of age and eight between 72 and 80. The youngest was two days old and the oldest was 96 years.

Presented With a Flag.

At a union patriotic meeting held at the Zion Episcopal church Sunday evening the Boy Scouts attended in a body. An interesting and inspiring address was delivered by Rev. M. S. Ashton along patriotic lines. After the address the Boy Scouts were presented with a large United States flag and standard from Mrs. Louis B. Morris. On account of the extreme cold weather there was not a very large attendance. The boys appreciate the gift very much.

Expected Home This Week.

Mrs. E. O. Colbeck, who underwent an operation in a hospital in the western part of the state, is expected home the last of this week. Her many friends here are glad to hear of her recovery so she can return home.

The Masonic Ball.

The concert and ball given under the auspices of Tiendurrah lodge last Friday night was a great success in spite of the very cold weather. A good time was enjoyed by all present. The prompting of the square dances by

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LATE LAURENS LOCALS.

Laurens, Jan. 2.—Extremely cold weather has been in vogue here for the past few days, the mercury standing anywhere from 15 to 39 below zero. It has kept many people busy trying to keep their cellars and water pipes from freezing, nevertheless, several water pipes burst, causing much trouble.—A Red Cross meeting will be held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. William Holdridge. The election of officers will be held at this time, also the annual report of the secretary and treasurer.—A union prayer meeting will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening. At the close of the meeting the annual election of officers of the Sunday school will take place.—Mrs. H. O. Kidder and E. Vorhees are both confined to their homes by illness.—Arthur Simmons, who has conducted a barber shop here for the past year, has with his family, removed to Johnson city.—George Elliott is visiting his aunts, Mrs. Fred Clark and Mrs. Harry Edson.—Mr. and Mrs. George Kidder attended the dance at Morris Friday night.—Miss Lyra Widger, after spending several days with her parents here, has returned to Binghamton.—Fred Hand and family and Harvey Hand and family spent New Year's at Lester Hand's at Butts Corners.—Miss Afa Ackley of Mt. Vision was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Irish New Year's day.

MILFORD CENTER.

Milford Center, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mull of Oneonta spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Southworth.—Stuart Smith spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Squire spent Monday in Oneonta.—Frank Applin of Schenectady called on his uncle, L. S. Southworth, on Monday.—Mrs. Malon Arnold is improving from her recent illness.—Miss Dora Ferguson and Mrs. Flora Seeger and son, Lynn, of Oneonta, spent New Year's at D. C. Pashley's.—Miss Hazel Bliss is visiting friends in Cooperstown Junction.—Mrs. A. Walling was called to Oneonta on Tuesday by the serious illness of her daughter.—Cleson Pashley is ill, suffering with the mumps.

ON SCHUYLER LAKE.

Schuyler Lake, Jan. 2.—Fred Allen of Laurens is visiting his son, Fayette Allen, for sometime.—Installation of officers will be held at the regular communication of the Schuyler Lake lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M.—Lieut. Don A. Lidell of Camp Dix is home on a few days' furlough.—John W. Allen is visiting his brother, Irving Allen, at Otego.—Prof. and Mrs. Miles Southworth of New Jersey are spending the holidays with his father, Wm. Southworth.—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Landmesser of Sidney Center spent a few days last week with friends in town.

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

NORTH KORTRIGHT NOTES.

N. P. Nichols and E. P. Frisbee Have Electric Lights Installed.

North Kortright, Jan. 2.—Edmund Davis of Delhi has installed a system of electric lights for N. P. Nichols, whose store building is fast nearing completion. E. P. Frisbee, an enterprising farmer of West Kortright, has also had the same system of lights installed.

Missionaries Like Tokio.

Relatives of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bilkert, who are so pleasantly remembered here, learn that they were highly delighted with their recent stop in Tokio, Japan, which they term "regular fairland." They expected to reach Bohren, Arabia, about Christmas where they will be engaged in mission work. Mrs. Bilkert's mother was before her marriage Miss Emma Henderson of this place.

Ready For Service.

Word has reached W. T. McLaury that his nephew, George M. James of Washington, D. C., anticipates taking employment on a government ship again, as mechanical, or electrical engineer. Clinton James, another nephew, is already in training at Fort Mead, Maryland.

Makes Notable Record.

Gould VanDusen has made a notable record the past year for attendance at sabbath school, having been present 50 times out of the 52 sabbaths, on one of which there was no church service here.

Water Pipes Freeze.

The grip of the cold wave has begun to loosen, but Sunday and Monday mornings the thermometers in this locality registered from 23 to 32 degrees below zero. Many water pipes were frozen, causing considerable inconvenience and expense. However improvement has been made of the chance to get ice and numbers have secured their year's supply.

MATTERS IN MERIDALE.

Meridale, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Arthur Bouton wishes to thank all who contributed toward the Christmas gift from the Presbyterian church to her as organist.—Stanley Gibbs of Camp Dix, New Jersey, has a four day furlough, visiting friends here, returning Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kilbury are spending a two weeks' vacation at the former's home in Hornell.—Miss Dorothy Russell of Franklin spent her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell.—Daniel Warren and family and Mrs. George Stilson and children spent New Year's at the home of Fred Stockman, near Treadwell.—Mrs. Ralph McEane and children visited relatives in Walton a few days recently.—Sunday morning the thermometer registered 35 degrees below zero.—F. W. Ayer and daughter, Mrs. Fry and child were at their

Meridith home to spend New Year's.

The dam at the Ayer and McKinney farms is being cut over the second time, with ice, about 15 inches thick and of a fine quality.—T. W. Strickland was a business caller in Delhi Tuesday.

THE NEW YEAR IN STAMFORD.

Watch Night Social at Presbyterian Mause on Monday Evening.

Stamford, Jan. 2.—On the invitation of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Cavert, a large number of the members and attendants of the Presbyterian church gathered at the mause on Monday evening to watch the old year out and the incoming of the new.

Social games and entertainments passed the evening to the great enjoyment of the guests and at midnight a short watch night service was held by the pastor.

Slight Correction of Auto Item.

Star readers might have formed a wrong conclusion of the state of the roads between Stamford and Oneonta from the article published a short time since in which it was stated that an Overland automobile was abandoned on the Harpersfield road recently. The fact that the car was left standing in the middle of the road without anyone being left in attendance gave rise to the report that it had been unable to make the drifted road. The facts were that the parties driving the car had gone back a ways to find a lost chain from the wheel and the car was left alone for some time. The roads are broken out and are in condition for auto travel.

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Theatrical Troupe at Opera House.

A traveling stock company is occupying the Stamford Opera house for three nights this week, presenting a line of dramatic performances.

J. C. VanDyke's Condition.

J. C. VanDyke, who has been confined to the house for the past week with an attack of neuritis in the foot and ankle, remains about the same, although there is in some of the symptoms a show of improvement.

The Ice Harvest.

The long continued cold weather has been a source of heavy ice work, the harvesting of which has been going on continually. The ice has increased in thickness from ten inches to nearly two feet, making hard work in handling and packing. Many of the storages are filled and a good start has been made on the filling of the Sheffield creamery ice house.

DELHI DAY BY DAY.

Delhi, Jan. 2.—Members of England Post, C. A. R., are seeking to raise \$200 with which to place in the hands of the trustees of Woodland cemetery, the income therefrom to care for the soldiers' lot in the cemetery, and keep it in good repair.—Miss Ethel Danehy, who is teaching near Gilboa, is spending the holidays at her home in this village.—Mrs. Howard Reynolds of Andes and her young son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gibson.—David S. Booth of Roxbury has been elected by the board of supervisors as the Republican member of the board of commissioners of

equalization of the county.—The thermometer registered 36 below zero here Sunday morning and many water pipes were frozen.—The Second Presbyterian church, on account of the extreme cold weather, held no church service sabbath morning or evening.—Hon. Edwin A. Mackey of Franklin and Andrew J. McNaught Jr. of Stamford were in attendance at surrogate's court Monday.

DAVENPORT CENTER NEWS.

Davenport Center, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LaGrave of Oneonta are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox.—Mrs. Alta Potter and children, Charles and Dorothy, spent a few days the past week with friends at South Gilboa.—E. J. Graham of South Kortright was in town the last of the week buying hay.—The many friends of Miss Margaret Hebbard will be pleased to hear that she is so far recovered from an attack of diphtheria that the quarantine has been lifted and she is gaining nicely.—Wm. Waldron is home on a furlough from Camp Wadsworth.—Look for the Aid society social next week Wednesday evening. Further notice will appear later.—Frank Munson is home on a ten days' furlough from Camp Dix.

DAVENPORT CENTER DATA.

Davenport Center, Jan. 2.—Miss Hazel Russell of Bovina Center is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munson.—Miss Eva Blackman is spending her vacation from the Oneonta High school with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blackman.—Mrs. Claude Mowbray and children of Howe Cave are guests of friends in town.—Mary Van Dyke and Charles and Harry Potter are guests of friends in Unadilla.—Fletcher Banner is ill.

Notice is Hereby Given

That I, the undersigned collector of taxes in and for the town of Davenport have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year, and will be at the following places for collection of same.

West Davenport, Jan. 8—21.
Davenport Center, Jan. 10—23.
Davenport, Jan. 14—25.
Simpsonville, Jan. 15.
White Hill, Jan. 18.

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Dated October 15, 1917.
ORLANDO B. HOWE, Executor.
W. L. BOLTON,
Attorney for Executor
Oneonta, N. Y.

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Naturally the message of Governor Whitman, which appears in other columns of this issue, has much to say about the war. But tinged as it may be with a spirit and sentiment which pervade the country, it does not forget many things outside of the military issue in which the state is vitally interested. These are taken up one by one, their points considered, and such comment made as shows that the Chief Executive of the state has a mind broad enough to consider all the phases of government in the commonwealth. The message is by no means a partisan one. It deals with state affairs from an entirely non-partisan standpoint, and it demands and will receive careful perusal. Among the salient features of the message are the following:

That the legislature do everything in its power to encourage farmers of the state.

That township school laws be amended.

That a careful legislative study of the question of farm labor shortage be made.

That legislative action encourage and promote livestock industry in the state.

Adoption of a policy that will enable state not only to conserve its water powers but also enable it to derive a substantial revenue from it.

That election law be amended to provide for women to vote at the elections next spring.

Passage of an act staying civil proceedings against soldiers and sailors in the federal service.

That there appears to be no general demand for important changes in our laws or for much new legislation.

That greatest care be taken in considering proposed legislation lest, in the name of patriotism, some unnecessary and unwise legislation may be enacted.

That all work together "earnestly and unselfishly striving, to the utmost to do not only our bit but our best to insure the triumph of our cause."

It is possible that, having perused the message, not every reader will agree with its author in every point raised. With most, however, there will be a cordial agreement, and the document will be accepted by all as a fair and unbiased statement of state conditions, with wise suggestions in many instances for their betterment.

RED CROSS GOES OVER THE TOP

Oneonta Chapter and Branches Largely Exceeded Quota in Christmas Drive.

The Oneonta Red Cross chapter and its several branches naturally are congratulating themselves on the very satisfactory outcome of the Christmas drive for new members. It was the request of the national organization that the chapter endeavor to secure at least 5,000 members, which for its territory would be its share of the 15,000,000 members which the country was expected to enroll. The officers and members of the local chapter, with the special committee, went lustily to work. So also did the officers and members of the branches, and the result is that the chapter has not only secured the expected 5,000 but has gone enthusiastically "over the top," the total enrollment with four branches incomplete being 5,640 or practically 13 per cent more than was required.

These, however, are not all the members which the chapters and branches will report. There are a considerable number more to come in from Edmeston, East Worcester, Goodyear Lake and Mt. Vision; and in the city of Oneonta many promises to enroll immediately after the holidays. Already these promises are being fulfilled. The money is being taken and receipted for at the Red Cross headquarters and it is requested that all, whether pledged or not, who desire to have the Red Cross movement—and there are doubtless many of them—hand or send in their subscriptions to the rooms.

The exact figures up to New Year's night are as follows: Oneonta, 2,062; East Worcester (incomplete), 46; Edmeston, 1,297; Goodyear Lake (incomplete), 108; Laurens, 13; Mt. Vision, (incomplete), 91; Milford 222; Otsego, 378; Schoharie, 352; Unadilla, 302; West Oneonta, 124; Worcester, 218; Total, 5,678.

Agricultural Census To Be Taken

During the week of February 3 there will be a census of the agricultural resources of New York state taken under the direction of the State Food commission, United States Department of Agriculture, and the County Farm bureaus, by the schools of the state.

Last April a similar census was taken in New York state. The success and expediency with which this work was carried on has been the subject of special favorable comment by the Federal Department of Agriculture in all circular letters which it has sent out, advising the states to take an agricultural census this year.

Red Cross Work

The following work was accomplished at the Red Cross rooms yesterday: 40 large compresses, 75 strips, 103 sponges, 388 small compresses, 1 three-yard roll

FURTHER CLASSIFICATIONS

Enrolled Men Return Questionnaires and Are Placed in Proper List—Many Valid Dependency Claims Approved.

The following classifications have been made recently by the local board. No claims being advanced by the following they have been placed in class 1: Harry J. Ford, John W. Carvey, Maxera Ermoluk, Sisto Sardielli, Willard D. Dingman, Harry E. Eckert, Guy H. Barney, Harold G. Foote, Schil-lai Giuseppe, John W. Nolda, Paul Lucas, Frank Kelley, Frank L. Knight, Benjamin L. Manzer, Arthur Fisher, Monzo C. Dart, James D. Short, Earl D. Widger, Leon M. Hopkins, Burton Trautner, Walter H. Coburn, Benjamin Rowland, George E. Barber, Elmer Rowe, Howard Decker, Matthew C. B. Nolda, Stanley Cornell, Peter A. Stedman, James E. Dante Jr., Earl A. Temple, Carl Morzillo, Allen S. Youmans, John O'Brien, Huntington S. Parish, Edward P. Graham, Anthony Chleor-elli, Edmund H. Walker, Walter S. Petre, William J. Ostrander, Charles M. Wright, Melvin VanBuren, Paul Brown.

The claims of the following have been denied and they will stand in class 1, subject to physical examination: Eric O. Carr, Frank Fritts, Ernest D. Smith, Charles Babbitt, Leon Hubbard, William M. Whitbeck, Leon Hivenburg, Edward Mills, David H. Woodward Jr., John H. Chase, Lynn C. Horton, George A. McLean. The following will stand in class 4, their physical disability claims in class 5 have been denied: Harold W. Bates, Anthony Butler, William D. Miller, Wilson H. Ilettig, Edward E. Mills, Curtis O'Brien, George W. Jeffrey will go in class 2, his class 4 claim, having been disallowed.

Lee D. VanWoert was placed in the second class and the following man in the third: Glenn A. Ludlam, Leo Brewster, Clarence E. Smith, Curtis L. Peck.

Valid dependency claims placed the following men in class 4: Verzer Graves, Harold Tabor, Howard B. Potter, David Brown, Hubert W. Tillson, Millard B. Armstrong, Fred Beardsley, Orson Hungerford, Earl J. TenEyck, Joseph A. Bloor, Thano M. Smith, Lewis Ensign, Francis H. Marx, Kenneth H. Hull, Victor Stalker, Edward L. Butler, Ronald VanTassel, Frank L. Ferguson, Chester L. Price, William E. Carr, Floyd Ostrander, Allan E. Clark, Thomas J. Boyle, Claud B. Goodnough, Charles Chestney, Herbert Thomas, Elmer L. Benjamin, Charles LeRoy, Mark M. Barton, Scott Lockwood, George W. Rathbun, John Reise, George J. Belfield, Burgess Wilson, C. L. "anderwarker, O. J. King, Albert Morse, F. G. Cole, T. G. Evans, Harry Burtis, Frank E. Leonard, Clifford E. Walsh, Harry L. Edmunds, Isaac Webb, Eugene Brown, Arthur Cole, Jesse Pensale, Carmine A. Gliva, George Hunt, Henry Lockwood, James Price, Melvin Gillette, Rocco Molinari, William Hawkins, Glenn L. Youmans, Grant D. Holmes, Paul H. Crawford, Clarence J. Musson, Heber J. Gilpin, S. K. Todd, Frank C. Robinson, H. O. Westberry, Grover C. Swanton, Arthur E. Cobb, Eugene P. Marston, Edwin Grant, Arthur W. Wilcox, John C. Harper, Dwight Daniels, Fred Coon, Watson Davis, Scott Decker, Walter L. Morrison, Earl D. Sitts, Harry M. White, Andrew G. Gobel, William J. Moore, Ralph E. Gardner, Willard James, John W. Soden, Ralph Marble, Harry Searles, Truman I. Rogers, John Dinnack, Lee S. Cross, James McMan, Laverne Hotchkiss, Harry N. Colyer, William H. Haynes, Harry C. Blake, Guy L. Bekler, Frank L. Ottaway, C. S. Harrington, J. A. Cook, Frank R. Barton, Lewis Goodspeed, F. L. Partridge, William J. Baird, William E. Mercer, Arthur H. Musson, Leon C. Trank, Arthur B. Bennett, Fred C. Keller, Hazel L. Reynolds, William E. Wigley, Floyd M. Baldwin, Earl H. Winans, William Flynn, Leslie V. Rose, Ralph F. Luckett, Walter C. Ostrander, Wilmer Harbert, Melvin Chestney, F. D. Hubbard, Louis Thayer, Ernest H. Lane, W. H. Kilshy, C. M. Griffin, Clarence Williams, O. N. Westcott, W. H. Fitzgerald, Louis D'Imperio, Richard D. Webb, Delos P. Leon R. Lockwood, James R. Mead, Daniel Casey, N. P. Maples, B. Salisbury, Earl E. Brightman, John S. Savard, Joseph Grogan, Charles Nebe, O. J. Boyea, Theodore Kohinke, Wilber Hecox, Archie D. Avery, Pearley Hanlon, William Crandall, Ellery A. Lent, Elmer Cooley, Robert B. Culburn, Frank A. Underiner, William Dumond, William A. Price, Reginald Covell, Horace E. DeForest.

William Kleeman, Earl J. Walters, Douglas McCrum, Louis E. Capron, John J. Carson and Leonard Daniels, already in the service, go in class 5. The following aliens have the same classification: Cirso Cutervello, Nicolo Bellocchio, Abraham Hahcek, Findey Kozel, Isidor Hacoen, Yuzum Mangillo, Benedetto Depasquale, Walter Roman, Thomas Granaty, Kuriplan Gusk, Arsen Shoroch, Anton Norka, Saverio Pitu, Sylvester Veldiondi, Gaudino Pizze and Peter Galanti. Fred C. Frommhaugen, a divinity student; Frank E. Alger, physically unfit, and John Wresch of Milford, an alien enemy, also go in the last class.

Questionnaires addressed to the following have been returned from the post office as undeliverable: Robert Black, 12 Hunt street, Oneonta; Harold Vanham, 252 Chestnut street, Oneonta; Deluca Leonardo, Giovanni Di-Golermo, Rocco Alvaro and Giovanni Mercuris, all of Worcester.

By mistake the names of Frank VanHousen, Pearley Hanlon and Percy B. Smallin were published in Monday's Star as delinquents. These men have returned their questionnaires.

Patriarchs Millant Re-elect Officers.

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NEW BOARD ORGANIZES

SUPERVISORS MEET AND ELECT J. DANA WHIPPLE CHAIRMAN AND D. J. KILKENNY CLERK.

New Board Contains 17 Republicans and 10 Democrats and All Were in Attendance at First Session—Mr. Smith Introduces Resolution for Creation of Office of County Attorney—Three Resolutions Introduced in Regard to Duties and Salary of New Official.

Cooperstown, Jan. 2.—The newly elected board of supervisors met here this afternoon and organized by the election of J. Dana Whipple of Otsego as chairman and Dennis J. Kilkenny of Oneonta as clerk.

After the party caucuses had been held Mr. Kilkenny, acting in the capacity of clerk of the last board, called the session to order and upon call of the roll of towns, each member arose in his seat and announced his name and address. It appeared that every member was present as follows:

Burlington—J. D. Fitch.
Butternuts—Charles P. Root.
Cherry Valley—James O. Beach.
Decatur—John Nelson.
Edmeston—Leo W. Lock.
Exeter—J. H. Cross.
Hartwick—Roy Adams.
Laurens—Fred S. Williams.
Maryland—Fred E. Tice.
Middlefield—R. G. McRorie.
Milford—Charles J. Armstrong.
Morris—Chester T. Backus.
New Lisbon—James Hall.
Oneonta—Grover C. Chapin.
Oneonta City—First district, U. A. Ferguson; second district, S. A. Disbrow; third district, George W. Willis.
Otsego—Loren P. Cole.
Otsego—J. D. Whipple.
Pittsfield—J. D. Beardslee.
Plainfield—A. W. Brown.
Richfield—Stanley Sheridan.
Roseton—Robert J. Smith.
Springfield—Frank M. Smith.
Unadilla—John M. Hopkins.
Westford—Tra D. Thiple.
Worcester—Charles Goodell.

The 1913-14 board contains seventeen Republicans and ten Democrats. Charles J. Armstrong of Milford received the vote of the minority for the office of chairman and he moved that the election of Mr. Whipple be made unanimous. The motion was adopted.

Clerk Kilkenny appointed Messrs. Disbrow and Goodell to escort the chairman to his seat and that ceremony was performed in due and ancient form, after which Mr. Whipple in a few words thanked the members for the honor and pledged himself to assist any member as far as lay in his power. He also said that it was his desire to exercise the duties of the office with entire impartiality.

For the office of clerk Mr. Kilkenny received the unanimous vote of both Republican and Democrats, an honor which he deeply appreciated and for which he thanked the members with feeling. "It only leaves it for me," he said, "to try and show my ap-

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preciation by rendering the best services I am able to perform both to you as individuals and as a board, and to that end I shall put forth my best efforts."

Upon motion of Mr. Ferguson it was voted to use the rules of last year for the government of the body, after which upon motion of Mr. Smith it was voted that members draw lots for precedence in the selection of seats. After the new seating arrangements had been the committee on county treasurer's work reported that they had examined the books of the retiring county treasurer, John W. Shaw, and that they were in proper order and correct. The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolutions providing for the creation of the office of county attorney were introduced by Mr. Disbrow and upon motion of Mr. Smith the subject was made a special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Under Mr. Disbrow's plan the county attorney is to act as clerk of the board of supervisors and look after all the legal work of the county. Three resolutions were introduced. Under the first the new officer for performing the duties named above is to receive an annual compensation of \$1,500. Under the second, to the duties named is added that of acting as attorney for all county officers not attorneys and the compensation is placed at \$1,750. Under the third he is also to act as attorney for all town boards where such activity would not conflict with the county's interests. If this resolution is adopted the compensation is fixed at \$2,000. Mr. Disbrow moved the adoption of the third resolution.

Concerning December Weather.

During the month of December there were ten days—five of them consecutive, in which the thermometer registered a degree of cold below zero in Oneonta. The highest temperature was 50 degrees on the 21st and the lowest was minus 24 degrees on the 30th. The total precipitation for the month was only 1.90 inches and over an inch of it fell on the 14th. The total snowfall for the month was 21½ inches, and 18 inches of it fell on the 14th. During the month there were 16 clear, 1 partly cloudy and 14 cloudy days.

A Reader of The Star.

PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT.

The Star disclaims all responsibility in regard to the views of correspondents expressed in this column and will not be held as endorsing them because publishing them. This column is intended to be for the people's use, the place where all can be heard whose statements are unobjectionable. The communication must be accompanied by the name and address of the author, if requested, these will not be published, however.

Letting the Other Fellow Sacrifice.

Editor Star: My attention is called to a letter in your paper of Tuesday under the head of "Coal Conservation," in which, indirectly at least, the author takes issue with my previous article relative to saving coal, not as he "fears by closing churches, but by holding community meetings during the winter. So far as schools and saloons are concerned, both which "A. Bona Fide Conservationist" drags into the argument, neither was referred to in the former articles and need only be mentioned now save to say that the hotels and saloons cannot be closed by community agreement, but probably only by the action of one man, the President at Washington. As for the schools, in case of severe coal famine the writer would favor keeping them open longer rather than to close them, say to 5:30 p. m. and let the city furnish an adequate lunch at its own expense. The extra coal and food used at school would be more than made up by the saving in the household.

As for the theatres, in times of mental depression like the present it would probably be a mistake to make any movement toward closing them unless conditions became much more acute. As for the churches, it is not suggested to discontinue religious service. They would be closed only in the sense that the buildings would temporarily not be occupied. Each clergyman, choir and congregation would take part in the common service, and the prayer meetings and the like would be held in homes which would willingly be opened to them.

The present is a time in which every one should do his best for the general good, and he should not excuse any derelictions on his own part by suggesting that while he keeps on his accustomed way the other fellow should sacrifice.

A Reader of The Star.

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8 a. m. - - - - - *15
2 p. m. - - - - - 10
8 p. m. - - - - - *5
Maximum 10—Minimum *17
Tuesday's record:
4 a. m. - - - - - *8
2 p. m. - - - - - 7
8 p. m. - - - - - *6
Maximum 10—Minimum *12
Below zero

The Independent Woman.

When the old-fashioned wife With her hubby had strife, "I'll go back to my mother," she'd sob.

But the spouse of today Doesn't threaten that way, She says "I'll go back to my job."

—[Boston Transcript]

Meetings Today.

The W. B. A. O. T. M. Embroidery club will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. William Vaughn, 8 Gale avenue.

There will be a special meeting of the Surgical Dressings class Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. This meeting is for those only who have been absent from previous meetings in the standard dressings.

Regular meeting of Oneonta arie, No. 1260, in K. O. T. M. hall, at 8 o'clock. Initiation of officers. It is desired that every member be present.

Regular meeting of P. P. Cooper encampment this evening at 7:30 in I. O. O. F. temple. Business of importance. All Patriarchs requested to be present.

L. C. B. A. meeting tonight. Assessment 336 expires at this meeting.

The Social club of the Chapin Universalist church will meet with Mrs. F. Campbell, 69 Spruce street, this evening. All members and friends are cordially invited. Please bring usual refreshments.

The Oneonta Plains W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Lena Richards.

Meetings Friday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Blanchard Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to be present.

Regular meeting of Machinists union, No. 74, in K. of P. hall, Friday, Jan. 4 at 8 p. m. Installation followed by light refreshments.

Meetings Postponed

The Mothers' club meeting to be held at the First Baptist church today has been postponed to Jan. 10. St. James guild will not meet this afternoon.

Meeting Saturday.

Order of the Amaranth Society club will meet with Mrs. Foster West, 43 Maple street, Saturday afternoon and evening. Gentlemen are invited for supper.

Seven Days of Zero Weather.

Further investigation of Oneonta weather records for twenty-four years shows that never in that period have there been more than five zero days together, previous to the present cold snap, which has already run to seven. There were four zero days together in Jan. '06, four in Jan. '08, four in Jan. '04, four in Feb. '06, and five in Feb. '12. In February, 1914, there were three stretches of zero weather—one of 3, one of 4 and one of 5 days—making 12 days altogether. Though less than four years ago, how many are there who recall the phenomenal cold of February, 1914?

Many Frozen Faces.

In a personal note received from a friend at Camp Devens at Ayer, Mass., by an Oneonta gentleman yesterday it was stated that during the past few days the thermometer has been hovering between 6 and 33 degrees below zero there and that there were more than a thousand cases of frozen faces and hands in the camp on Saturday, but none were serious, although painful.

Girls Class Postponed.

Owing to the extreme weather prevailing it is announced that there will be no meeting of the Girls Sewing class at the Woman's club this week, the next meeting being held on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Woman's Club.

The Current Topics class will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Webster, 47 Ford avenue.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Glenwood Cemetery association will be held Monday evening, January 7, 1918, at 8 o'clock, at the Wilber National bank. Albert Morris, president. advt. 15

P. H. C. Members Take Notice.

I will be at 40 High street from 6 to 10 o'clock this evening. Your last chance to pay December dues before I report to headquarters. L. W. VanderMark. advt. 15

We have secured a limited amount of wood, which we will distribute in half-cord lots to help relieve the fuel shortage. Platt & Howland, Phone 340. advt. 15

Fashion Shop: Fifteen days clearance sale. All goods must be sold to make room for new stock, 150 Main street. advt. 25

Ira S. Sweet, practical bonesetter, at the Winsor, Oneonta, Feb. 2. Eagle, Norwich, Feb. 5. advt. 15

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CITY'S FINANCES IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Mayor Ceperly Makes Pertinent Suggestions in Annual Message

FEW CHANGES IN OFFICIALS.

New Commissioners are R. J. Torrey of Public Works, B. H. Morris of Health and Fred N. VanWile of Park Boards—George L. Winans Selected as Commissioner of Charities.

Following are the appointments announced by Mayor Ceperly at the first meeting of the common council held Tuesday evening.

Commissioners of Public Works—J. G. Hoyt, R. J. Torrey.

Fire Commissioners—George B. Baird, L. C. Millard.

Police Commissioners—William W. Capro, A. L. Judd.

Park Commissioners—Fred N. VanWile, Frank A. Herlieth.

Members Board of Health—Chester A. Miller, B. H. Morris.

Civil Service Commissioner—T. Waldo Stevens.

Member Library Board—Arthur M. Curtis.

Members Board of Education—Henry Saunders, Percy I. Bugbee.

City Attorney—Owen C. Becker.

City Clerk—Sheldor H. Close.

Commissioner of Charities—George L. Winans.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Thomas J. O'Brien.

*Reappointed.

The mayor also announces the following committees of the council for the year:

Finance—Lauren, Bolton and Morris.

Buildings—Morris, Coy and Gardner.

Lighting—Coy, Morris, Tamsett.

Law—Bolton, Lauren, Gardner.

The council also without dissent elected Alderman B. C. Lauren as president of the council in the absence of the mayor, who also is acting mayor in his absence.

All members of the council were present with the exception of Alderman Bolton, the newly elected aldermen, Lynn L. Gardner of the first ward and W. F. Tamsett of the sixth appearing and taking the seats assigned to their predecessors. Both manifested a good spirit of city affairs and gave evidence of being useful and valuable members.

Lee D. VanWoert nominated as police court attorney by Mayor Ceperly and City Judge Shove jointly was confirmed and the Mayor stated that he had appointed Everett B. Holmes as acting city judge in the absence of Judge Shove.

The mayor at the opening of the meeting expressed his gratification to greet the new members and assured the members that he would appreciate a continuation of the same spirit of united hearty effort during the coming year that marked the council during the year closed. The mayor then read his annual message which contains many excellent suggestions relative to the affairs of the city. It is given in full below.

James B. Peters appeared before the council and suggested the wisdom of erecting a community service flag at the front of the Aladdin building. The suggestion was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Coy, Morris and Gardner.

Sprinkling and flushing certain streets of the city during the past year cost \$1,031.25, oiling certain other streets, \$1,123.49; covering Dietz and Grand with Tarvia, \$138.16, oiling River street with liquid Trinidad, \$222.76, and these various amounts were levied and assessed upon the abutting property. Notices of grievance day as January 15, at 8 o'clock, were ordered given at which time any person dissatisfied with the assessment may be heard. Notice of the hearings will appear in a later issue.

Resolutions authorizing the city chamberlain to pay principal and interest of temporary loans, principal

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ELSIE BAKER COMING.

Appears at High School Auditorium January 7.

If a referendum to the people of this city were possible it would doubtless be their verdict that Elsie Baker is the most popular singer who has ever appeared in Oneonta. She has visited this community three times heretofore—twice during Chautauquas and last season under the management of the Normal and Public schools. She appears again Tuesday evening under the auspices of the schools. In this connection it is interesting to review the list of Victor records made by Miss Baker. It includes Angel's Sirenade (Violin Obligato), Annie Laurie (Old Scotch Ballad), Ben Bolt, Call Me Back Again; Calvary (Rodney), Dearie (Kummer); Erminie (Lullaby), I Know a Lovely Garden; I Love You California, I Love You Truly (Bond), John Anderson, My Jo, Just Because It's You; Long, Long Ago; Lorelei (Sücher); Love's Old Sweet Song, Lullaby (Braham), Messiah (He Shall Feed His Flock), My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice, My Old Kentucky Home, Old Folks at Home (Swanee River), Perfect Day (Bond), Pickaninny's Lullaby (Gage); Silent Night (Christmas Hymn); Silver Threads Among the Gold, Sing Me to Sleep, Voices of the Woods (Rubenstein), Ye Who Have Yearned Alone; One Sweetly Solemn Thought; Home Sweet Home. advt. 15

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NEW YEAR'S DAY BLAZE.

Barn on the Blend Farm on West Street Destroyed.

Shortly before six o'clock Tuesday evening the firemen were called to Upper West street where the barn on the Blend premises now owned by Fred VanWile and Arthur Seybolt esq., was ablaze. The firemen were able to drive the fire apparatus to the scene quickly, but the structure was all ablaze when they arrived, it scattering very quickly over the entire interior of the building. Some water was used to keep the fire down by using the motor driven pump on the fire engine and the flames were subdued but not until the structure was in ruins.

There was in the structure a quantity of hay belonging to the owners of the barn and some farming implements of no great value belonging to L. H. Blend.

The building was covered with an insurance of \$1,000 which will only partially cover the loss.

The barn burned brightly and the reflection on the sky attracted numerous spectators despite the cold. Many thought it must be several buildings and were apparently disappointed when they found that it was an unoccupied barn.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known. Boys were seen about the building late in the afternoon. They were coasting in that locality and it is thought that perhaps someone carelessly lit a cigarette in the building. It is unbelievable that any lad would start a fire on the floor to warm himself and companion. No one could be found who knew anything definite about the origin and it will probably never be known.

Supt. Rockwell Honored.

H. W. Rockwell, formerly superintendent of schools in this city, now occupying a similar position in the schools at Pelham, was the guest Tuesday night of William W. Capron. Mr. Rockwell was on his way from a visit at his old home at Rockwells Mills to Pelham. He was in attendance at the gathering of educators at Syracuse last week and was honored by election to the presidency of the Associated Academic Principals of the state at the annual meeting of that organization. Mr. Rockwell was obliged to leave early yesterday morning for Albany.

Furs Bringing Good Money.

D. E. Robinson of Otego has been doing a large business this fall in handling furs, he having sold the last week in December furs that brought \$16,000. Few people realize the quantity of fur that is gathered in this section. Despite this large sale Mr. Robinson still has on hand 100 fox 200 mink, which are worth at the prevailing price fully \$3,300. The recent sale is the sixth substantial sale he has made since election day. Mr. Robinson announces that he will call upon any collectors having \$300 worth or over if they will notify him.

Engages with J. O. & G. N. Rowe.

Albert W. Barney has recently removed from Portlandville to this city and taken the house at 5 Gault avenue. He has secured an attractive position with J. O. & G. N. Rowe as traveling salesman and is widely known, having sold cigars over this territory for some 20 years. He will represent the grocery firm in the counties of Delaware and Ulster, and will commence his duties at once. Mr. Barney has many friends in this section who will wish him abundant success in the new position for which he is well fitted.

Social and Fair at Emmons.

The Ladies' Aid of the Emmons Methodist Episcopal church will hold a social and fair in the church parlors Friday evening, Jan. 4, 1918. Supper served from 6 o'clock until all are served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

"A POOR FISH."

Bob Ott Presents Popular Comedy, at Oneonta Theatre Today.

About the best return a person can get for his money is laughter or pleasurable excitement. The world outside is gray and gloomy. The theatre is the place for merriment. One will get his money's worth and more in a visit to the Oneonta theatre this week, where that quaint and peculiar comedian, Bob Ott, who for years has held a prominent place on the American stage in the ranks of light musical comedy.

Bob Ott was a riot of fun in the "Submarine Girl," from start to finish. The show is a prime one and each performance begins with a smile, continues with a laugh and ends with a tornado of fun.

Today Bob will be seen in his latest triple-plated mirth convolution entitled "A Poor Fish." He claims that "A Poor Fish" is one of the funniest farces he has ever played in. He would like to have your opinion. The play is interspersed with rag-time ditties, lively dances and Broadway snip-snap. Matinee today at 2:30.

First Converted 4% Bonds Ready for Delivery at Citizens National Bank.

Holders of receipts for First Liberty Loan interim certificates and Bonds, surrendered for conversion prior of Nov. 15, may receive their converted Bonds by presenting their receipts to the bank. advt. 21

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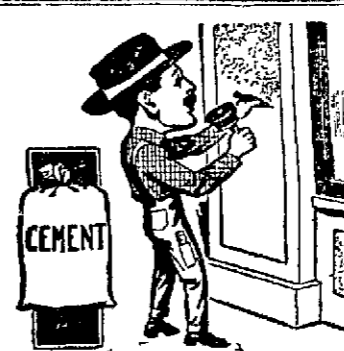
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Pursuant to an order of Surrogate J. H. Hendon, surrogate of the county of Otsego, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Howard W. Goodenough, deceased, late of the city of Oneonta, in said county, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of the said county, at the law office of Owen C. Becker, esq., in the city of Oneonta, in said county, on or before the first day of April, next.

Dated, September 24, 1917.
CLAUDE B. GOODENOUGH, Administrator.

PERSONALS.

A. J. Nichol of Delhi was registered at the Oneonta last night.

Mrs. C. A. Hand spent Wednesday with friends in Binghamton.

Mrs. W. A. Linacre spent Wednesday with her sister in Binghamton.

Frank Whitcomb of Worcester was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Burdick of Binghamton spent the New Year with relatives in this city.

Miss Julia Abel departed Tuesday to resume her school work at Pater-son, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dykeman and children spent Tuesday with friends in Worcester.

Mrs. W. H. Ostrander of this city, spent New Year with her daughter in Wells Bridge.

Mrs. Carrie Rogers of this city is spending a few days with her parents in New Berlin.

Mrs. W. W. Rowe of this city, is spending a week at the home of J. L. Platter, in Binghamton.

City Clerk Sheldon H. Close returned Tuesday noon from a short visit with his people at Delhi.

Mrs. Josephine Sager of Stamford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Aaron Hamlin, 17 Reynolds avenue.

Edward Tilley was in New Berlin yesterday attending the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Harriet Gross.

James H. Baker, formerly of Oneonta, now residing at Schenectady is ill with an abscess under the arm.

Miss Dawson, the city social worker, returned last evening from a holiday visit to her home in New York.

Miss Ethel Jackson returned Tuesday to Glenn Ridge, N. J., where she is an instructor in the public schools.

Miss Blanche Eldred of 4 Gault avenue has returned to Northville, where she is a teacher in the public schools.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott were guests for the New Year of the former's brother, Dr. George Elliott, in Unadilla.

Mrs. Ward C. VanNakin of Deposit is the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. DeLaney, on Valley-view street.

Mrs. Earl Coddington of Laurens was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Perry, in Otsego.

Mr. and Mrs. Viron Sharpe of Nineweh returned home Tuesday, after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Thomas, on Otsego street.

Miss Gertrude Paine of Canastota, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to Patchogue, where she is an instructor in the public schools.

Mrs. Ida Squires of Walton, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Moore at 66 West Broadway, returned home on Tuesday.

Kenneth S. Covey, a senior in Cornell, has returned to his studies after spending the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. E. E. Covey.

Mrs. Bert Laraway of Sidney Center, who had been a guest at the home of Warner Dunshee, 6 Pine street, returned home Tuesday evening.

Miss Alice Kilkenny, who had been spending the holiday vacation at home, departed Wednesday to resume her studies at Mt. Holyoke college.

The Misses Clara and Lucy Brooks of Norwich, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leonard on the Plains, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Cooley returned to Binghamton Wednesday, after spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Peet, at West Oneonta.

Walter F. Burke, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Burke, in this city, returned yesterday to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ella Bugbee departed yesterday for her home in Schenectady, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenks.

Miss Inez I. Gay of Oswego, who had been spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sperbeck, in Oneonta, returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Lorena Babbitt has returned to her school duties as teacher in Elmfield, N. J., after spending the holidays at her home in Oneonta.

Miss Eleanor Rosenquist of Ballston, Pa., and Miss Jennie VanDyke of Milford, were in Oneonta Tuesday on their way to visit friends in Elmfield.

Miss Esther Aldrich of Morris was in Oneonta yesterday on her way to Albany, where she is laboratory assistant in the State College for Teachers.

Miss Mary H. Johnson of the Machias High school, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to the former place to resume her work after the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Palmer, who spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Belle Palmer, in Oneonta, left last night to resume her school work in Otsego.

Miss Lena Wright, who had been visiting at her home in Laurens, was in Oneonta yesterday on her way to resume her school duties at New Rochelle.

Miss Florence Welsh, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Welsh, in this city, returned Tuesday to Whitney Point, to resume her school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Fletcher returned Tuesday to their home in Elmira, after several days spent with the former's father, D. A. Fletcher, in this city.

C. W. Tillinghast, who had been spending a week at his home in Oneonta, returned Tuesday to Elmfield to resume his duties with the I. T. N. company.

Conan P. M. H. Jackson left last evening for New Paltz, where he was called on military business connected with the trial of a deserter at a court martial.

Mrs. Edward Osgood of 65 River street and Mrs. J. C. Hill of 55 Miller street were in Bainbridge yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sylvester Sherman.

Miss Florence Bisbee and Miss Grace Taber of the New York schools returned to the metropolis Tuesday, after spending their Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Blanche Cooke, after a holiday sojourn at the home of her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooke, in Laurens, departed Tuesday for Englewood, N. J., to resume her school work.

Kenneth F. Polgreen, after spending the holiday vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ford, returned Tuesday to his school duties at R. P. L. Troy.

Miss Bernice Saxton has returned to East Hempstead, to resume her school duties, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Saxton of 11 Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zoller and Mrs. M. G. Joles of this city were called Wednesday to South New Berlin to attend the funeral of an uncle, Bert Kellogg, of the latter place.

Miss Lulu M. Sealey, who had been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sealey of this city, left yesterday to resume her work as teacher at Oriskany Falls.

Francis Sinclair, telegraph editor of The Star, who had been spending a ten days' vacation at his home in Brooklyn, arrived in the city last evening and has resumed his duties.

Major George W. Augustin, who had been spending a twelve-days' leave of absence with his family at Laurens, left yesterday noon to rejoin his comrades on the surgical staff at Spartanburg.

Miss Laura Green, who had been spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Cooperstown, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to resume her work as teacher in the Elmfield schools.

Ernest Allen, wife and daughter, Helen, of York, Pa., who had been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Ezra Allen, and sister, Mrs. Charles Atkins at 4 Oak street, returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Reichard, who had been spending the year's end with relatives in Springfield Center and Oneonta, returned yesterday to Albany, where she is taking a course in the State college for teachers.

Hon. J. Clark Nesbitt of Bloomville, member of assembly from Delaware county, was in the city last night on his way home from Albany, where he had been in attendance at the opening of the legislature.

Elmer E. Rowe, who had been a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowe on Fair street, departed yesterday for Easton, Pa., where he resumes his duties with the Ingersoll-Rand company.

Miss Mina Smith of Binghamton spent New Year with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Prentice, on London avenue. Miss Lou Finley of Elmfield, Pa., was also a New Year guest at the Prentice residence.

Miss Beulah Bell, who is teaching in Unadilla, and Merrill Bell, a student in Amherst college, have returned to their duties, after spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, 17 Franklin street.

Sergeant George L. Young of Company H, located at Stone Ridge, on the New York aqueduct, who had been spending a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. William Merrill, 21 Morgan avenue, left Tuesday morning to rejoin his company.

Miss Julia Spenser and Miss Elizabeth Ward returned Tuesday to New York, to resume their work as teachers in the city schools. Miss Ward was accompanied by Miss Harriet F. Jessup, who had been her guest during the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Patterson, who had been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Shove, in Oneonta, and with other relatives and friends at Mt. Vernon, left yesterday morning for Tarrytown, where she is assistant to the principal of the Washington Irving High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Teachout returned from Elmira, Tuesday afternoon, after attending the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. Addie Wilber Knight. Mrs. Teachout had been in Elmira for two weeks helping care for Mrs. Knight who had suffered a shock.

Mrs. Ella Brown of 267 Chestnut street entertained the following on Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bondy, daughter and son of Otsego; Mr. and Mrs. Euel Dibble and son Kenneth, Mrs. D. Dibble, Mrs. Lee Dibble, Oneonta; Miss Cole, Harpursville.

A. J. Rush, mention of whose resignation from the service of the Delaware & Hudson company to accept a lucrative position with the Kay and Ess Paint and Varnish company, was made in The Star of Monday, left yesterday for Dayton, Ohio, the headquarters of the company.

Sergeant of Ordnance S. G. VanKleeck, who has been spending a short furlough with relatives in Oneonta and vicinity, leaves today for Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. Sergeant VanKleeck has been five years in the service and is every inch a soldier in appearance and bearing.

Mr. Charles Thomson, who had been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Seybolt, in Oneonta, returned Tuesday to her home in New York. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Helen Seybolt, who is a teacher in the public schools at Glenn Ridge, N. J.

Mrs. Charlotte Ties of Albany, accompanied her daughter, Miss Helen Ties, on Tuesday from Oneonta to Troy, where the latter will spend three months in the St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Ties returned that night to Oneonta, where she will spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. Pearson of 34 Center street.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moxley.
Mrs. Elizabeth Moxley, the aged mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Conrow of 13 Brook street, who had resided with her here for the past two years, died recently at the home of Mrs. Alice Moxley at Jefferson, whither she went a few weeks since after the late Mrs. Severance, daughter of Mrs. Conrow, became critically ill. She was a woman over 96 years of age and is believed to have been the oldest resident of the city during her residence here. The deceased was born in North Harpursville June 16, 1821, her maiden name having been Ruth Elizabeth Dant. She married the late Ezekiel Moxley and for more than 50 years resided in Jefferson. He died in 1895. She was the mother of five children and both of the parents and all of the children were school teachers in Schoharie county during their lives. She was highly respected in Jefferson and by all who knew her here. Her mind was active to the last. She passed peacefully away while quietly sleeping. The daughter here and the son, Anson Moxley of Grinnell, Iowa, who is visiting his sister here, are the surviving children.

Minor Buell.
Middlefield, Jan. 2.—Minor Buell, an aged and respected resident of this township, died Monday, Dec. 31, at Richfield Springs, where he had been for some weeks undergoing treatment for cancer of the hand. The cancer showed improvement, but death was caused by old age. Mr. Buell, who was 90 years old, had lived with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. North, since the death of his wife, about ten years ago. He is survived by the daughter above named, his son Edwin, and three grandchildren—J. North, Mrs. Harry Mitchell of Cooperstown and Mrs. Harry Mitchell of Schenectady. The funeral was held at the home of his son, Edwin, in the village at 2 p. m., on Wednesday. The service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Warren of the Methodist Episcopal church, and interment was in the village cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Severance.
The funeral of the late Mrs. A. M. Severance was held from the family home at 13 Brook street yesterday at 10 o'clock, with Rev. B. M. Johns of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating. There was a good attendance of neighbors and friends, and numerous floral pieces attesting the warm regard in which the deceased is held. The Royal Rebekahs attended in a body and rendered the ritual service of the order for the dead. The body was taken to Jefferson, her old home, for burial, the trip being made with a motor hearse and motor cars, and the roads are reported to have caused no trouble or inconvenience, and the trip was made with the least inconvenience, it is believed, in that manner. There was a brief service at the grave there which was attended by old friends in that section.

Justice Kellogg Back from Arizona.
Justice A. L. Kellogg and wife, who had been spending the last days of December with their son, Lincoln Kellogg, in Arizona, returned to Oneonta New Year's night, and ever since the former has been busy clearing up the arrears of work, business and correspondence which had accumulated. He reports a most delightful trip and a pleasant sojourn with their son, who, improving in health in the Arizona climate, will doubtless remain for some time longer.

The first trial term of supreme court by Justice Kellogg will be held at Norwich, beginning on Monday next; but on Saturday of this week there will be a special term at chambers in Oneonta for the hearing of motions, and other matters which properly come before a special term.

Free Baptist Church Elects Officers.
At the annual corporate and church meeting of the Free Baptist church held Tuesday evening in the assembly rooms, trustees for the society were elected as follows: William H. Hoffman, James May and Earl Hay.

At the church meeting officers were named as follows for 1918: Clerk, W. R. Morgan; missionary collector, Mrs. Hazel Mahon; deaconesses, Mesdames Alger, Bailey, Beams, Bell, Brockout, Boots, Borst, Burr, Beach, Caulkins, Champlin, Ceperley, Couse Dutcher, Fay, Miller, Mahon, Parmelee, Pendleton, Safford, Sheldon, Soden, Webb, Wells and Wheeler.

Mrs. Kendall Dunn was chosen as church chorister, Louis H. Atwell as head usher.

The officers of the Sunday school are: Superintendent, L. J. Brookout; assistant superintendent, Frank Huntington; secretary, Myrtle Kilpatrick; treasurer, Hazel Beach; librarian, Lester Townsend; organist, Mrs. Terry Wilson; pianist, Elizabeth Tarbox; chorister, Minnie Parks; auditing committee, I. J. Bookout, A. E. Ceperley and David Ackher.

Undergoes Operation at Schenectady.
Mrs. T. C. Budlong, formerly of Oneonta, underwent an operation for cancer of the breast at the Ellis hospital in Schenectady last Friday and is doing as well as could be expected.

Will Entertain Queen Esther Circle.
Mrs. E. A. Martin of 2 Church street will entertain the officers of the Queen Esther Circle Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Wanted—Live poultry. 119 River street. B. L. Gates. adv. it

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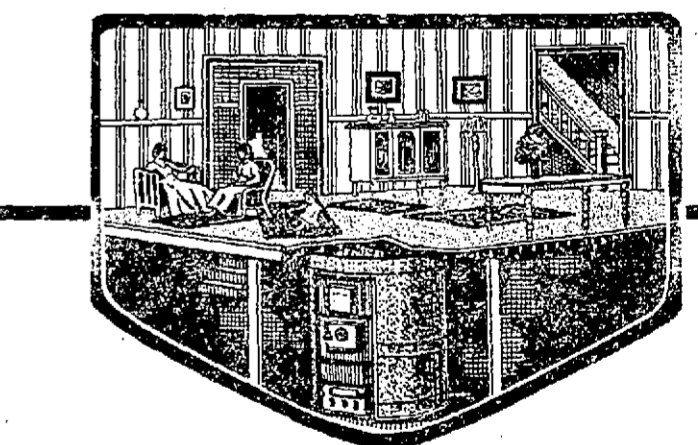
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GIVE your feet a real rest when you get home tonight. Slip on a pair of HURD'S easy comfortable house shoes and enjoy the solid comfort that comes from complete relaxation after a good day's work.

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MARRIAGES.

Ring-Divies.

On New Year's day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davies of South Kortright, their only daughter, Mary L., became the bride of Donald Ring of North Chatham. The wedding was a quiet one, only immediate relatives being present.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Blanche Whipple, the bride party entered the parlor and took their places before a bank of evergreen. The ring service was performed by Rev. Peter McKenzie of the Presbyterian church of Utica, a relative of the bride.

Bride and groom were attended by Miss Dorothy Ring of North Chatham, a sister of the groom, and by Stanley Wiltse, also of North Chatham.

The bride was attired in her traveling suit of Burgundy broadcloth with hat to match, and carried white roses. The bridesmaid wore a suit of dark blue broadcloth with black velvet hat and carried pink roses. Following the ceremony a delicious supper was served. Bride and groom left on the evening train amid a shower of rice for Albany, where the groom holds a responsible position. Many friends join in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Delaney-Kearney.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Ambrose church, Endicott, New Year's morning when Thomas H. Delaney of

this city and Miss Margaret I. Kearney of Endicott were united in marriage with a nuptial mass by Rev. Father Dwyer Thomas F. Monahan of this city was best man and Miss Anna Kearney, the bride's only sister, was bridesmaid. The bride was attired in dark blue broadcloth. The only ornament worn was a diamond and pearl pin, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid wore blue silk with hat to match.

After the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents to the immediate family and relatives of bride and groom.

The groom was a member of Company G for ten years, being honorably discharged upon the return of the company from Peekskill, being Sergeant of the company at that time and has been a valued employee of the D. & H., for the past 11 years. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearney of Endicott and has been a frequent visitor in this city and has made many friends who will warmly welcome her.

Mr. and Mrs. Delaney departed at 2:15 for a ten day wedding trip among relatives in New York city and Boston, Mass., and upon their return will reside in this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Delaney have many friends who will extend congratulations.

Clark-Packer.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Packer of Portlandville, at high noon December 27, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Anita Packer, to Harvey Clark of Pittsburgh, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Foss of Portlandville. The bride was a graduate of Millard High school and well known in Oneonta and vicinity.

Mr. Clark graduated from Oneonta High school in 1912 and was afterwards employed in the Oneonta Coal and Supply company. He now holds a responsible position in Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Clark will receive the congratulations of a wide circle of friends. After a trip to Washington, D. C., they will reside at 140 Ingram street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

If he's a smoker no gift you could possibly make would afford keener satisfaction than a box of Stetson cigars. They are made in all sizes and are sold as cheaply as first class cigars can be.

Overland Roadster, good condition, extra tire, \$100.00. Royce side car, nearly new. C. M. Ives, Davenport, N. Y.

CITY FINANCES IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

(Continued from Page five).

and interest of bonds as they become due and the salaries of the city officers which are paid from the general fund monthly without further audit by the board, were passed.

By resolution The Oneonta Daily Star was designated as the official newspaper of the city for the coming year.

Chairman Lauren of the finance committee reported that the work of E. L. Barnes has been so satisfactory and he expressing a conviction that he can become proficient in the driving of the new ambulance soon after it arrives, he was elected as janitor and driver of the ambulance at a monthly salary of \$75.

The Wilber National bank offering to pay one per cent on daily balances for the coming year, the custom being for the banks to alternately submit such proposals, that institution was designated as the city depository for the coming year. Its bond, as approved by the city attorney, was referred to the finance committee, as was also the bond of the city chamberlain for the year.

Good Balance on Hand.

The report of the city chamberlain of the condition of the city's finances at the close of business Dec. 31, shows the following balances on hand in the several departments, the public debt fund and the charity fund being entirely used:

General fund	\$10,831.81
Fire commission	50
Health commission	121.18
Lighting fund	121.34
Park commission	4.63
Police commission	18.65
Public works	3.75
Water fund	25.00

Total \$11,106.19

This leaves a substantial working balance for the new year. There are, of course, some expenses incurred during December which could not be paid until after Jan. 1. There will be, however, ample funds, barring extraordinary expenses during the year, to meet all obligations, even though the city should lose the income from the liquor tax license during the year, that the question will be submitted in April being generally accepted.

The Mayor's Message.

Following is the message of Mayor Ceperley to the common council:

A provision of the City Charter make it a duty of the Mayor to communicate to the Common Council yearly a general statement of affairs with any recommendations he may see fit to make. I take pleasure, therefore, in submitting to your Honorable body for consideration some facts pertaining to our present condition and future needs.

I wish to say to you that I thoroughly believe that Oneonta today is one of the most progressive and up to date of the smaller cities of the State, and much credit is due to the Common Council and Commissions for helping make it such. I value highly the good judgment and united efforts of the members on the Board who have been associated with me in the past. We have worked together in absolute harmony and always with a desire to further the interests of the city.

We suffered last year an irreparable loss in the death of Mayor Joseph S. Lunn the memory of whose untiring devotion to the best interests of the city is his best monument. The chief asset of a city is its men and we have been heavy losers by the death of several prominent business men during the last year or two and our young business men must be trained to take the places made vacant from time to time in the administration of city affairs.

The present financial condition of the city is very satisfactory. Each department of the city has practiced strict economy, especially so since the opening of the war, and no public improvements of an expensive nature except such as seemed absolutely necessary, have been undertaken.

We are carrying over the largest surplus from the general fund of any other year in the history of the city. We have decreased our bonded indebtedness during the last year nearly \$25,000 and have completed the payment of two series of bonds. We have maintained the credit of the city by our method of paying-as-we-go and have had no necessity for borrowing money.

We have been extremely favored during the past year by the magnificent gift of the Huntington property and adjacent lands for a library and public park. B. E. Huntington, the donor, has made Oneonta a gift that will testify for ages to come of the interest and generosity of one of our truest and most esteemed families. We appreciate the help the Chamber of Commerce has given us along civic, business and industrial matters. Its cooperation is a valuable factor in the city's development.

Another step toward the purchase by Brotherhood organizations and other interests of an up to the moment motor drawn ambulance. As a railroad town many accidents are bound to occur and an equipment of this kind is very much needed. The city will attempt to care for and will cooperate with the purchasers in its control and every effort will be made to conserve human life.

Board of Public Works.

In this day of automobiles the visitor's first impression of a city is formed largely by the condition of its streets, and for the convenience of residents and city traffic good roads are a necessity. I want to commend this Board for its careful management and efforts to improve our public streets and for the building of a new bridge on Center street. I believe they thoroughly appreciate the importance of street improvement and will give us the best possible results from the money appropriated. The Board is

making plans and have material provided to replace three more of our wooden bridges with steel and concrete—a much needed improvement.

Fire Department.

With the addition of the recently acquired motor drawn hook and ladder combination truck this department, I believe to be equipped equal to any city of our size in the state for fire fighting efficiency. The department made an exceptionally fine record last year, the damage by fire in the city being less than \$10,000. With the new apparatus the efficiency of the department is much increased. I would recommend frequent inspection of buildings, especially in the fire district, as a matter of precaution.

Park Commission.

This commission will soon have added to its responsibilities the care of the new Huntington Park, for the upkeep of which a generous endowment has been provided by the donor, Mr. Huntington. I trust the commission will see its way clear to at once plan carefully, with future needs in mind, for the development of Wilber park. This park, it seems to me, is admirably adapted as to size, location and contour for recreation purposes, and I would respectfully request the commission at once take the matter into consideration. The improvements at North-va Park are well under way and the recent action taking over the base ball diamond and grounds will give complete control.

Police Department.

Laws and regulations count for little if public cooperation is lacking. Rules and regulations of conduct should be simple and well understood by the people. The time has gone by when a police force maintains law by the use of the stick. The best policeman today stands in the relationship of friend and helper to the public, and law enforcement is mostly in a quiet and peaceful manner. This new method of police work demands carefully picked men who should be uniformly courteous and obliging, and when force is necessary should be used only to the extent the occasion requires. I commend the department so far as it measures up to the new standard and ask the commission to encourage cooperation between police and the public.

Health.

This board has rendered valuable service to the city in the past year by providing for a practical garbage collection system, with good results during the summer and fall months. At the present time there seems to be but little attention paid to the ordinance, but with the advent of spring there must be for sanitary reasons the strictest enforcement of this ordinance. We are fortunate in having but comparatively few cases of contagious diseases at the present time.

Charity.

I believe the charity funds of the city have been wisely conserved and charity subjects given careful consideration during the past year under Commissioner Collar's supervision. The high cost of living is bound to increase want and suffering among our poorer classes and the city should work in harmony with all other wisely directed efforts to relieve suffering and its causes wherever possible and to encourage thrift, self support and the education of children.

Schools.

Oneonta is famed as an educational center. To the High School board I can make no suggestions for improving this department, but I believe the city should at all times provide ample facilities in the line of buildings and equipment and supply ample funds for a highly trained and efficient corps of teachers. We cannot afford to be miserly when it comes to the education of our children.

Lighting.

The recent adjustment of the prices for electricity and gas, while a small advance from the old prices, does away with the obnoxious service charge and the Oneonta Light and Power company is to be commended for their decision not to force the question to a finish before the Public Service commission.

The Municipal building has been thoroughly renovated and repaired inside and out at considerable expense and the building committee is admonished to look carefully after its cleanliness and maintenance. Changes in the arrangement of the offices of the city chamberlain, city clerk, and fire chief have apparently been satisfactory and have added to the convenience of all. The city clerk's office should be supplied with additional filing facilities.

The chamberlain's tax collections have been unusually good and there

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remains but little uncollected taxes to date.

There is needed in the office of the chamberlain an additional steel constructed bookkeeper's desk.

The few copies we possess of the original city charter are nearly obsolete because of the many changes and amendments made by legislative enactment. I would recommend the printing of a sufficient number of the revised charter for general use.

The right of suffrage having been granted women in this state, it will be necessary to provide additional and better accommodations at all polling places, and as a matter of economy I would recommend that where possible city owned buildings should be used.

I cannot leave this message without saying that our country's demand is also upon us. We have in a measure felt its force. Some of our boys are in France. Others in various training camps preparing to go across and more will follow. The burden of war taxation will be upon us, the appeals for financial assistance will come from many sources. Economy and self denial must be practiced; production increased and welfare work for our soldiers promoted. Our city must keep pace with these demands and appeals, whatever the cost and sacrifice whatsoever. May our patriotism be unquestioned, and our duty to our country and humanity fulfilled as nobly at home as by those in foreign fields of war.

There are many other matters, mostly of minor importance, I might speak of, but I know they will be carefully looked after as occasion requires.

Our budgets as fixed are as liberal as the city can afford, and I have confidence in each board that the money will be wisely and carefully expended. While all the commissions have heretofore worked in harmony, I would like to see them closer related. I would like to have not so much a detached form of government where no commission feels any particular interest outside its own field of effort, but

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SUITS	OVERCOATS
At Clearance Price—\$12.50, \$14.75, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, \$19.75 and \$22.	At Clearance Price—\$10.00, \$14.50, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$19.00, \$20.00 and \$21.
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